



# Missouri River Flood of 2011

## Updates on Closed Roads in Missouri

October 17, 2011

### **Interstate 29 NOW OPEN**

- Interstate 29 opened on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- According to information from the Iowa Department of Transportation, temporary lane crossovers will be in place at mileposts 0.8 northbound and 3.2 southbound, near Hamburg, Iowa. Two-way traffic conditions will be present between the crossovers with vehicles diverted into the southbound lanes. The crossovers are necessary to avoid a bridge in the northbound lanes that suffered damage.
- Exit 1, Iowa 333 to Hamburg; and exit 10, Iowa 2 to Nebraska City, remain closed. These roads sustained substantial damage due to the flooding and must be repaired. Iowa plans to restore traffic on these roadways as quickly as possible.
- While the Interstate has reopened, travelers are reminded that access across the Missouri River is still limited. The bridge on US 36 at St. Joseph, MO remains open, however all river crossings in Missouri, north of St. Joseph, are closed. The first river crossing in Iowa is on US 34, crossing from Glenwood, Iowa to Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

### **US 136, Atchison County (Closed from I-29 to the Nebraska State Line)**

- The fourth and final hole, dubbed "The Beast", has been filled. The next step is to fill with finer rock and then resurface the road. Once that work is complete, the road will reopen, once again connecting Rock Port, MO with Brownville, NE and shortening the commute for many who have had long detours for more than months.
- The road could open, weather permitting, as early as the end of next week

### **US 159, Holt County (Closed from Route P to the Nebraska State Line)**

- An Emergency Contract was awarded September 30<sup>th</sup> to Ideker, Inc. Work is to begin this week with a projected completion before December 15, 2011. This will not include full depth paving or resurfacing. That work will be part of a later repair contract.

### **US 59, Buchanan County NOW OPEN**

- Opened to traffic on September 28, 2011 after emergency repairs were made. The road will be resurfaced, weather permitting, starting October 13, 2011. Weather permitting this project will be complete 10-21-11
- Kansas is beginning Missouri River bridge rehab work, which may impact travelers. Please check the Kansas Department of Transportation's website at the link below.

### **Links:**

[US 136 Aerial Map Showing Scour Holes locations and depths](#)  
[MoDOT's Northwest District Flooding Photos](#)  
[Iowa DOT Flooding Information Page](#)  
[Kansas DOT Traffic and Travel Information Page](#)

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